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HANDLE FOR TRAVELING-BAGS.

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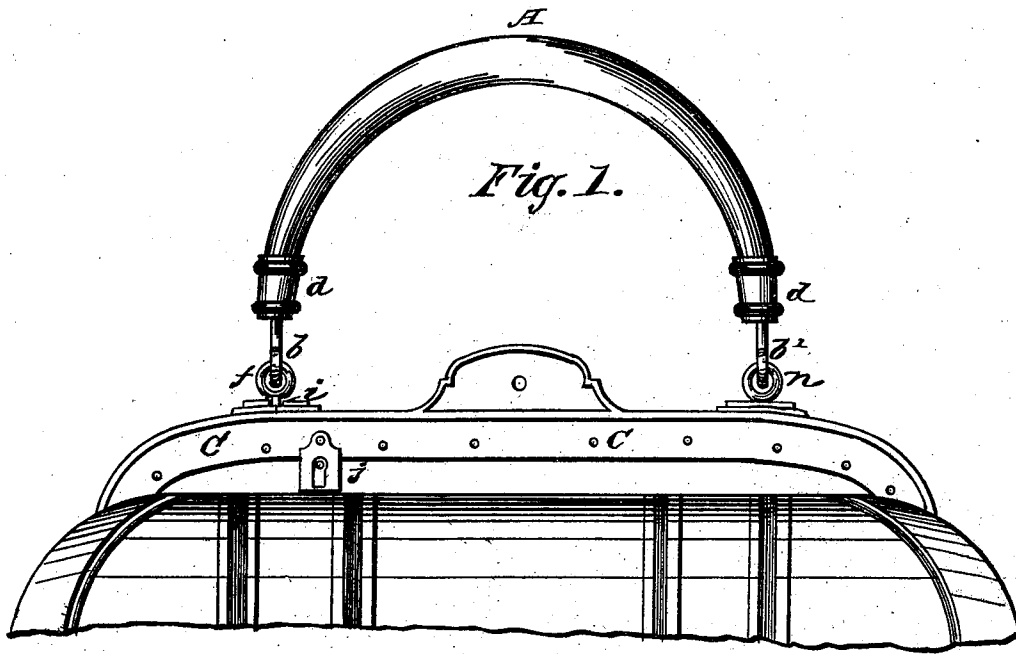


Fig. 2.

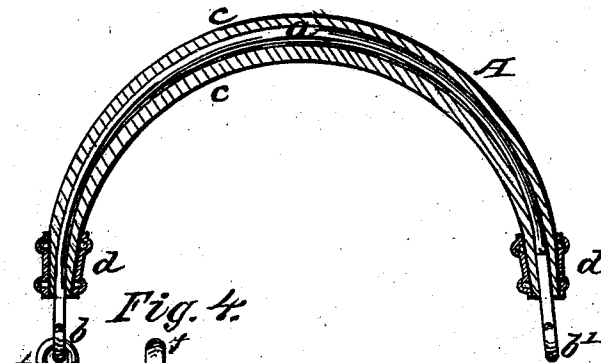
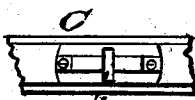


Fig. 4.

Fig. 3.



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IMPROVEMENT IN HANDLES FOR TRAVELING-BAGS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES F. WALKER, of the city of Chicago, Cook county, State of Illinois, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Handles for Traveling-Bags, of which the following is a full description, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is an elevation, showing only a portion of a satchel. Fig. 2 is a longitudinal section of the handle. Figs. 3 and 4 details.

Travelers frequently use a small chain and lock for the purpose of securing traveling-bags, and other articles of a similar nature, to a car-seat or other place temporarily, passing the chain usually through the handle of the bag. This method is not satisfactory, because, when not in use, the chain is liable to be misplaced or lost, and as the handles of bags have been made they might be cut quite easily, so that the chain is but a slight protection.

The objects of my invention are to provide a safety-handle, which cannot readily be cut, and to so construct the handle that it can be used for securing the article without the use of a chain, which I do by providing the center of the handle with a wire or other piece of metal, which cannot be easily cut, and by removably connecting the handle, at one end, to the bag.

In the drawings, A represents a handle for a satchel. *a* is a wire or other suitable piece of metal in the center of the handle, each end of which is provided with an eye, *b*.

c is a covering of leather or other suitable known material.

d are metal ferrules secured to the ends of *c*.

e is a plate, corresponding with the hasp in a hasp-lock. Its upper end is connected with the eye *b* of the wire *a*, by means of an eye, *f*. *g* is a hole in *e* to receive the bolt of a lock.

h is a notch on *e* to limit the depth to which it enters the lock.

i is a plate upon the top of the part C of the frame of the satchel, into which the plate *e* passes, (see Fig. 3,) and then down into a

lock, secured upon the inside of C, the parts being so adjusted that the bolt of the lock can enter the hole *g*.

j is the key-hole of this lock, located, as shown, on the back side of the bag. The lock itself is not shown.

n is an eye, permanently secured to the satchel as usual.

In manufacturing it will be convenient to pass the end of the wire *a* through the eye *n*, and then form the eye *b'*, and the plate *e* can be connected with the other end of *a* in the same manner.

I do not limit myself to the use of any particular form of lock.

In use, one end of the handle is permanently secured to the satchel as usual, and the other end is connected to the satchel by means of the plate *e* and the bolt of the lock mentioned, so that one end can be easily removed, permitting the handle to be passed around, or over, the arm of a car or other seat, or other suitable fixed thing; and the satchel can then be secured thereto by means of the plate *e* and bolt of the lock.

The lock described is in addition to the lock usually used; but a single lock could be used, in which case it would be well to use a spring-lock.

A handle, such as described, omitting the plate *e*, could be permanently secured to a satchel at both ends, and would be an improvement on those now in use, which are liable to give out if required to sustain considerable weight.

The notch *h* in *e* is not a necessity.

What I do claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is as follows:

In combination with a handle for a traveling-bag, or other similar article, the plate *e*, adapted to be connected to the bag by means of the bolt or catch of a lock, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

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